



August 26, 2013

Marlene H. Dortch, Esq.  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: GN Docket No. 13-114; RM-11640 — Expanding Access to Broadband and Encouraging Innovation through Establishment of an Air-Ground Mobile Broadband Secondary Service for Passengers Aboard Aircraft in the 14.0-14.5 GHz Band**

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Facebook is pleased to support the Federal Communications Commission's recent Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to establish a new Air-Ground Mobile Broadband Secondary Service for in-flight passengers in the 14.0 to 14.5 GHz band. *See* NPRM, FCC 13-66 (rel. May 9, 2013). Facebook's mission is to make the world more open and connected by giving people a platform to connect and share with family and friends. Allowing people to remain connected while in-flight is an important element of this mission. Every day, people across the globe are relying more and more on our service, not only to stay connected to one another, but to keep up to speed with what is happening around the world, and to express what matters to them, no matter where they may be.

As the FCC's NPRM recognizes, an increasing number of airline passengers are carrying smartphones, tablets, and laptop computers on-board aircraft, and they expect to have full broadband access while in the air. We are convinced that these passengers would take advantage of the high-speed air-ground network proposed in the NPRM to visit Facebook while they are in-flight.



Facebook encourages the FCC to take the steps necessary to create the air-ground mobile broadband service for passengers aboard aircraft as set out in the NPRM. Millions of Facebook users would welcome the new service and take full advantage of mobile broadband connectivity in the sky.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pankaj Venugopal", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Pankaj Venugopal  
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